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VLSI-Photonic Heterogeneous Integration by Wafer Bonding

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Election of Species Requirement in the Office Action dated Jan. 11, 2006. In that office action, applicant was required under 35 U.S.C. 121

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to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, and that currently Claims 1, 26, 31 and 51 appear to be generic.

The species stated are:

- a) The species of Figures 1-7, and
- b) The species of Figure 8, and
- c) The species of Figures 9-16, and
- d) The species of Figures 17-19, 20a-27a and 20b-27b, and
- e) The species of Figures 28, 29, 30a and 30b.

Applicant provisionally elects to be examined the species described by the Examiner as Group a.), which reads on Claims 1-12, 24, 25, 31-39, 49 and 50. This election is made with traverse of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.143 for the reasons given in the following paragraphs.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Requirement for Election of Species given in the Office Action, because of the increased costs applicant would be forced to bear if the multiple species are separately examined. Furthermore, the field of search must necessarily cover all species, in addition to other related Classes and subclasses, to provide a complete and adequate search.

Withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement, and allowance of the present Patent Application, is therefore respectfully requested.

It is requested that should there be any problems with this response, please call the undersigned Attorney at (845) 452-5863.

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